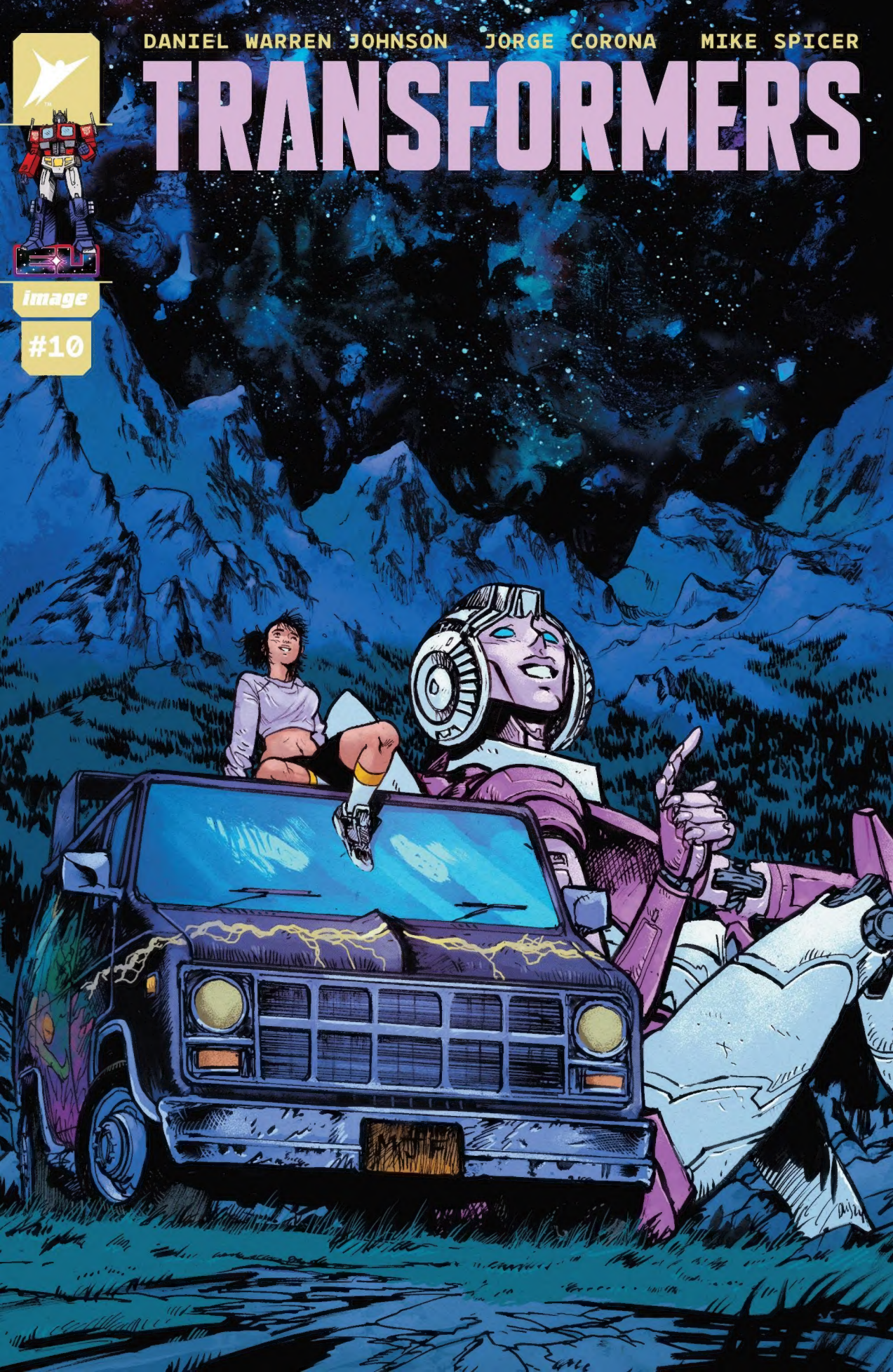
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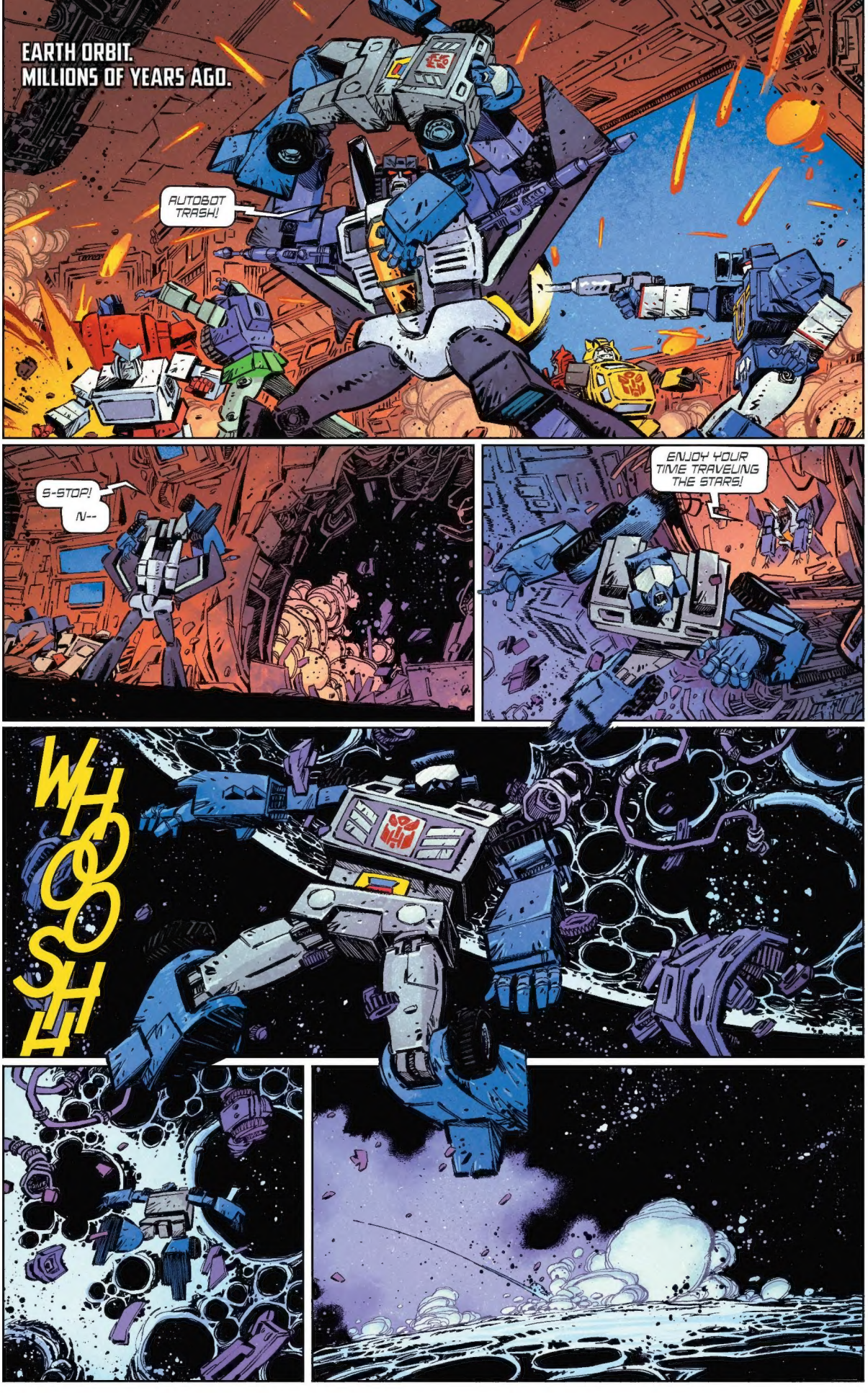
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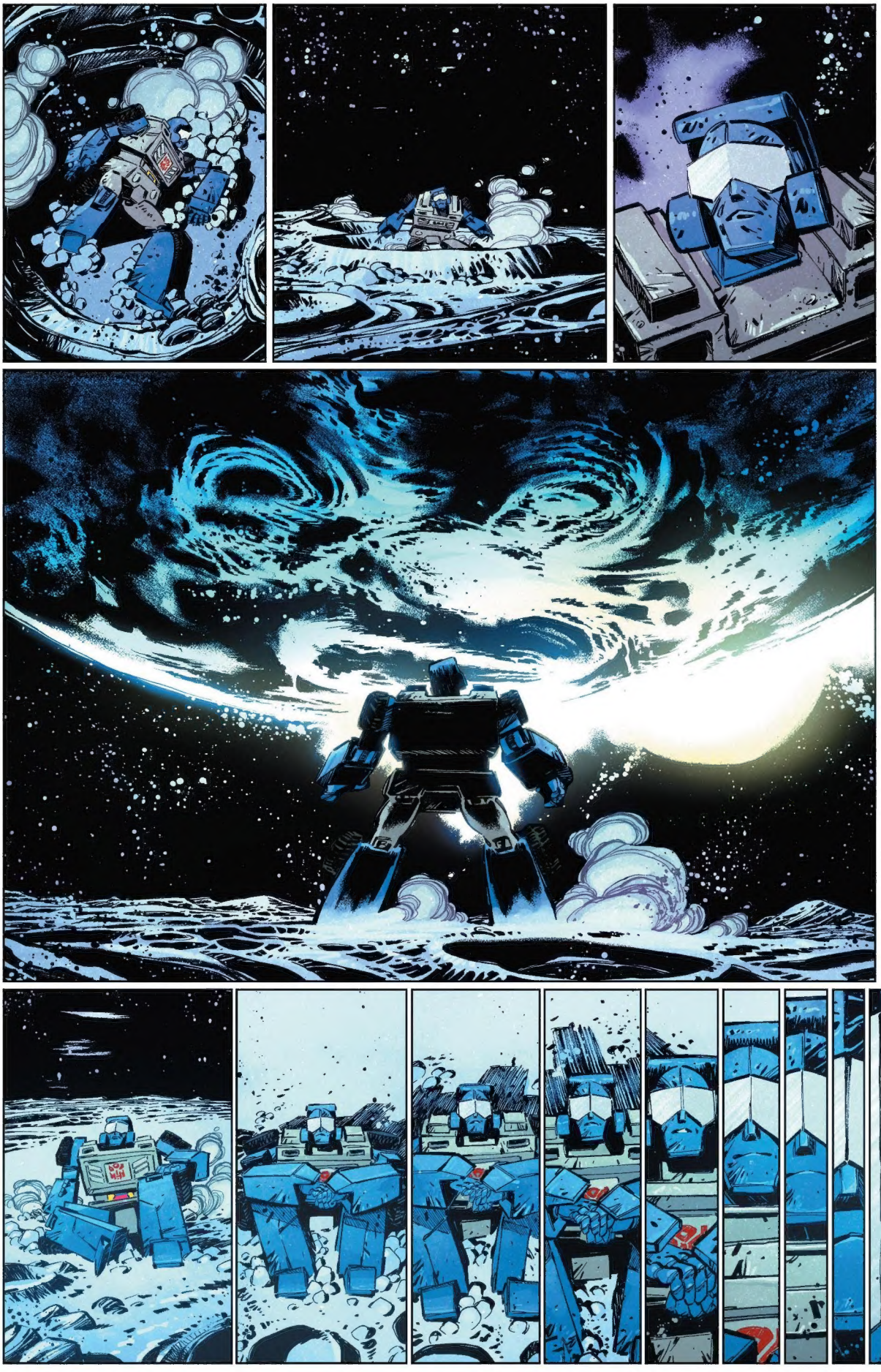
MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO.
AUTOBOT TRASH!
S-STOP!
N--
ENJOY YOUR TIME TRAVELING THE STARS!
WHOOSH



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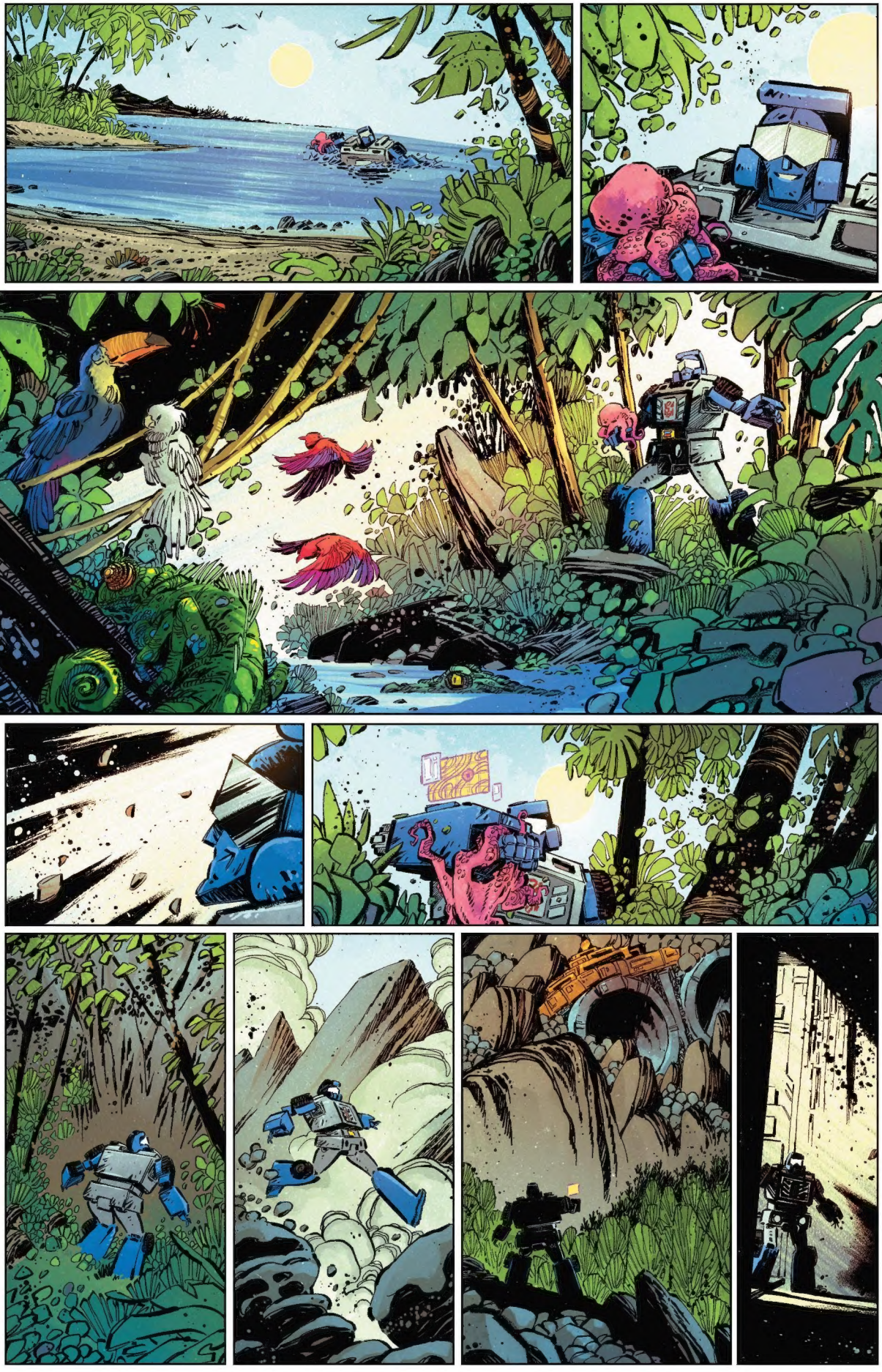

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-YES/.....-NO/

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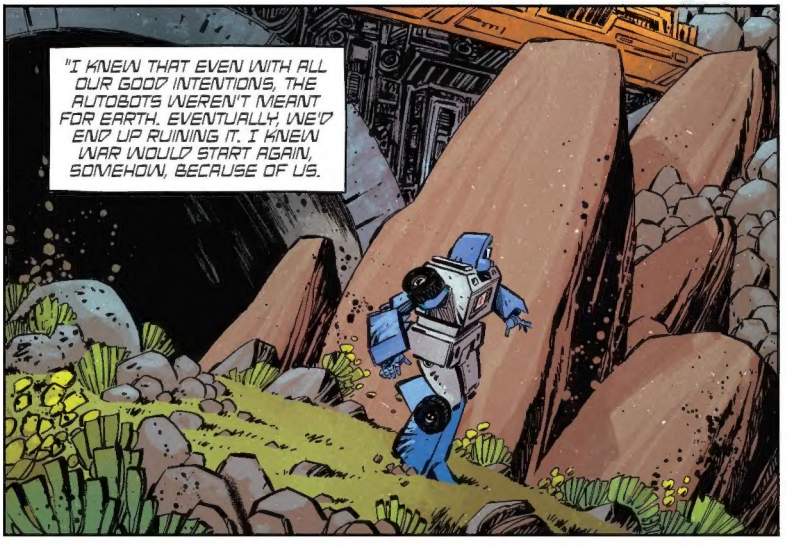
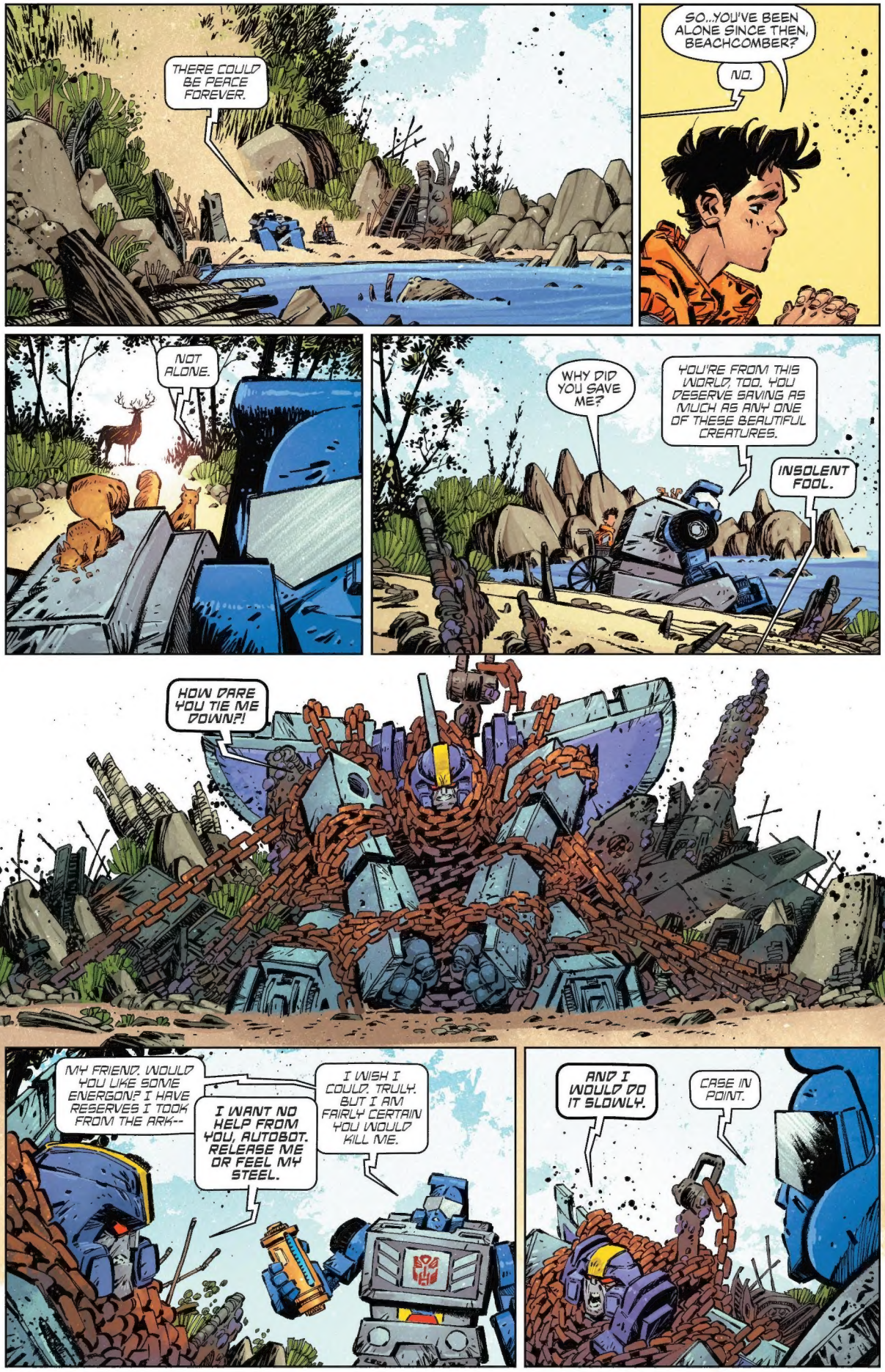
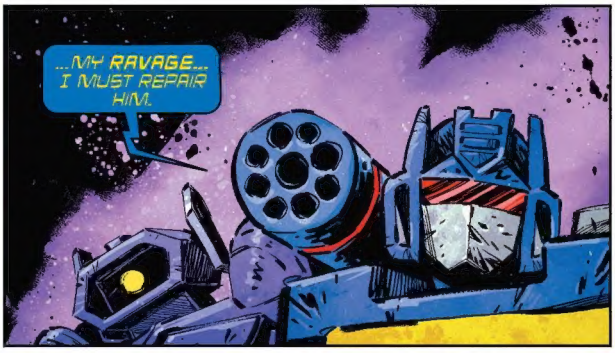

"I KNEW THAT EVEN WITH ALL OUR GOOD INTENTIONS, THE AUTOBOTS WEREN'T MEANT FOR EARTH. EVENTUALLY, WE'D END UP RUINING IT. I KNEW WAR WOULD START AGAIN, SOMEHOW, BECAUSE OF US.

"THIS WAY, THEY COULD SLEEP FOREVER."

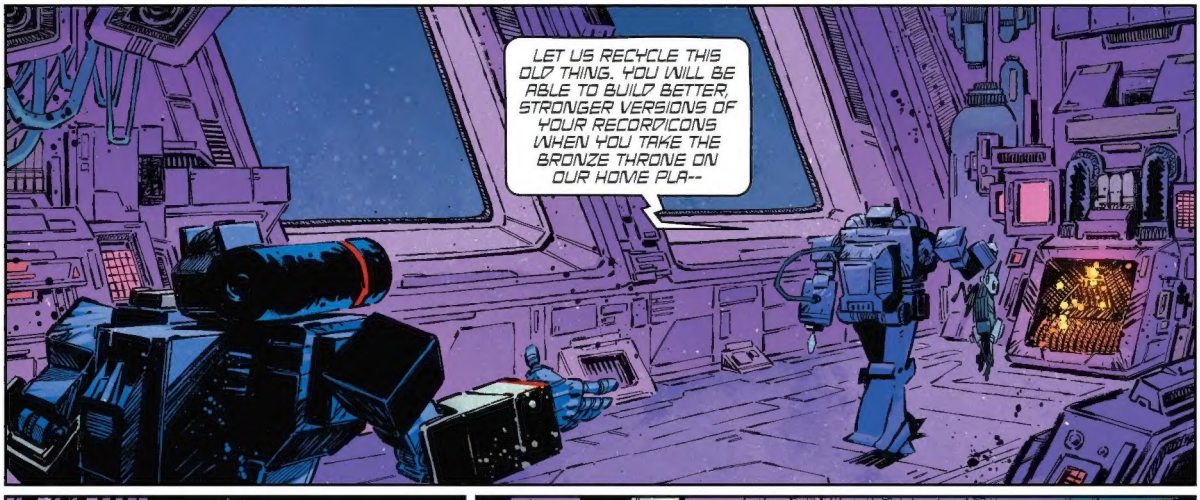

THERE COULD BE PEACE FOREVER.
SO...YOU'VE BEEN ALONE SINCE THEN, BEACHCOMBER?
NO.
NOT ALONE.
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?
YOU'RE FROM THIS WORLD, TOO. YOU DESERVE SAVING AS MUCH AS ANY ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL CREATURES.
INSOLENT FOOL.
HOW DARE YOU TIE ME DOWN?!
MY FRIEND. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ENERGON? I HAVE RESERVES I TOOK FROM THE ARK--
I WANT NO HELP FROM YOU, AUTOBOT. RELEASE ME OR FEEL MY STEEL.
I WISH I COULD. TRULY. BUT I AM FAIRLY CERTAIN YOU WOULD KILL ME.
AND I WOULD DO IT SLOWLY.
CASE IN POINT.

HE WAS GOING TO TAKE ME TO ANOTHER DECEPTICON.
AND I SHALL STILL. SHOCKWAVE WILL HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN YOUR FLESHLY PARTS.
...SHOCKWAVE?
YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM?
EVERY AUTOBOT HAS.
COLD. CALCULATING. A DEADLY STRATEGIST. HE LIKES TAKING HIS TIME WHEN HE PULLS AUTOBOTS APART.
AND HE AND SOUNDWAVE WILL TAKE THIS PLANET FOR ALL IT'S WORTH.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
MY HOME. HE'S GOING TO HARVEST IT. THEY'RE GOING TO BLEED IT DRY.
SAD BUT TRUE.
WHAT DO WE DO?
I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULD NEVER HURT ANYONE OR ANYTHING AGAIN. THAT MINDSET DOESN'T EXACTLY HELP IN A WAR.
AND I WANT NO PART OF IT.

SOUNDWAVE! GOOD NEWS! THE CONSTRUCTICONS HAVE REPAIRED THE PORTAL TO CYBER--
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


...MY RAVAGE... I MUST REPAIR HIM.

WE ARE ON THE DOORSTEP TO A NEW DAWN OF CYBERTRON, AND YOU'RE HERE DISTRACTING YOURSELF WITH SUCH THINGS? BAH!


LET US RECYCLE THIS OLD THING. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD BETTER, STRONGER VERSIONS OF YOUR RECORDICONS WHEN YOU TAKE THE BRONZE THRONE ON OUR HOME PLA--

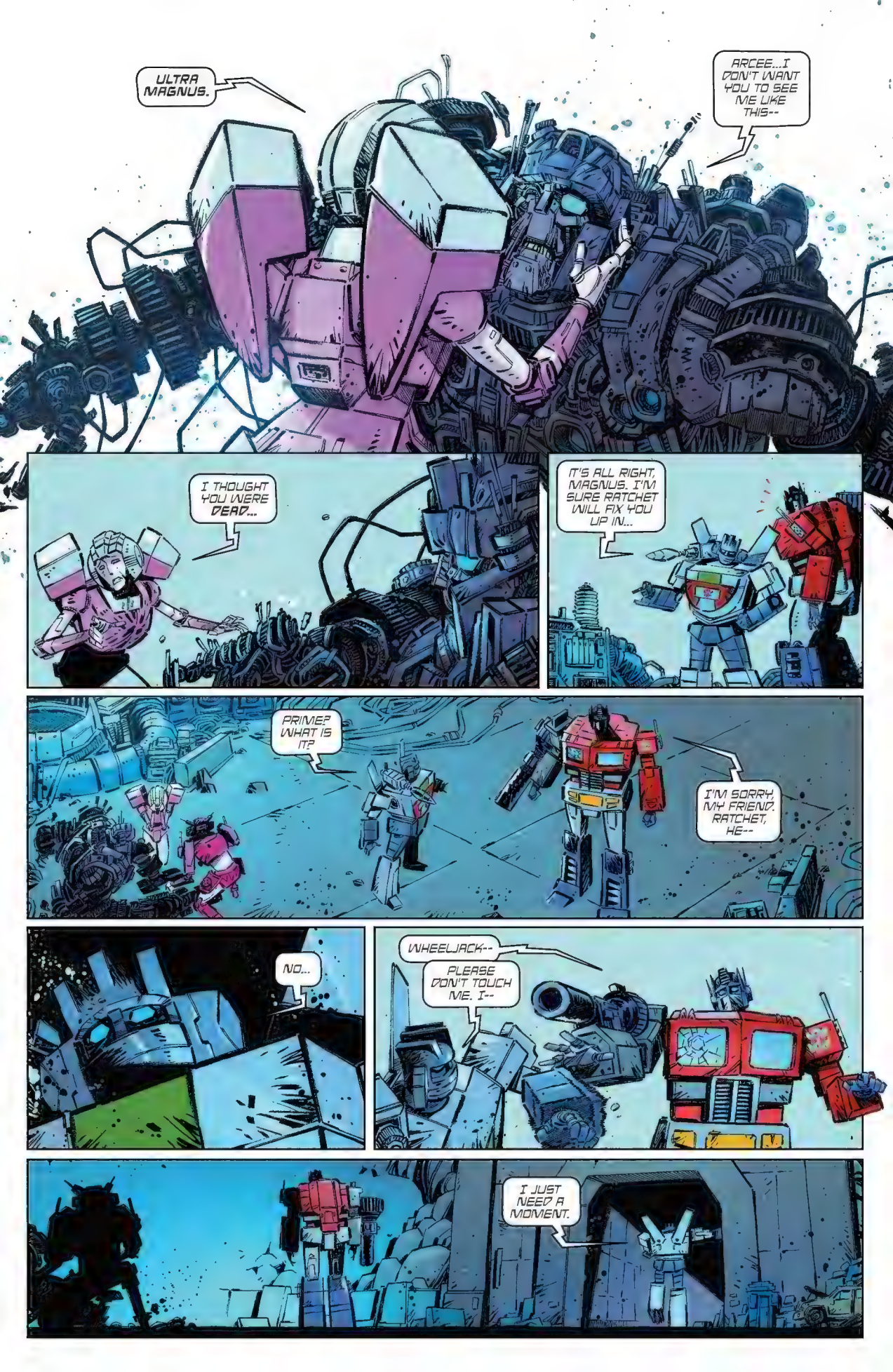
MY GOODNESS.

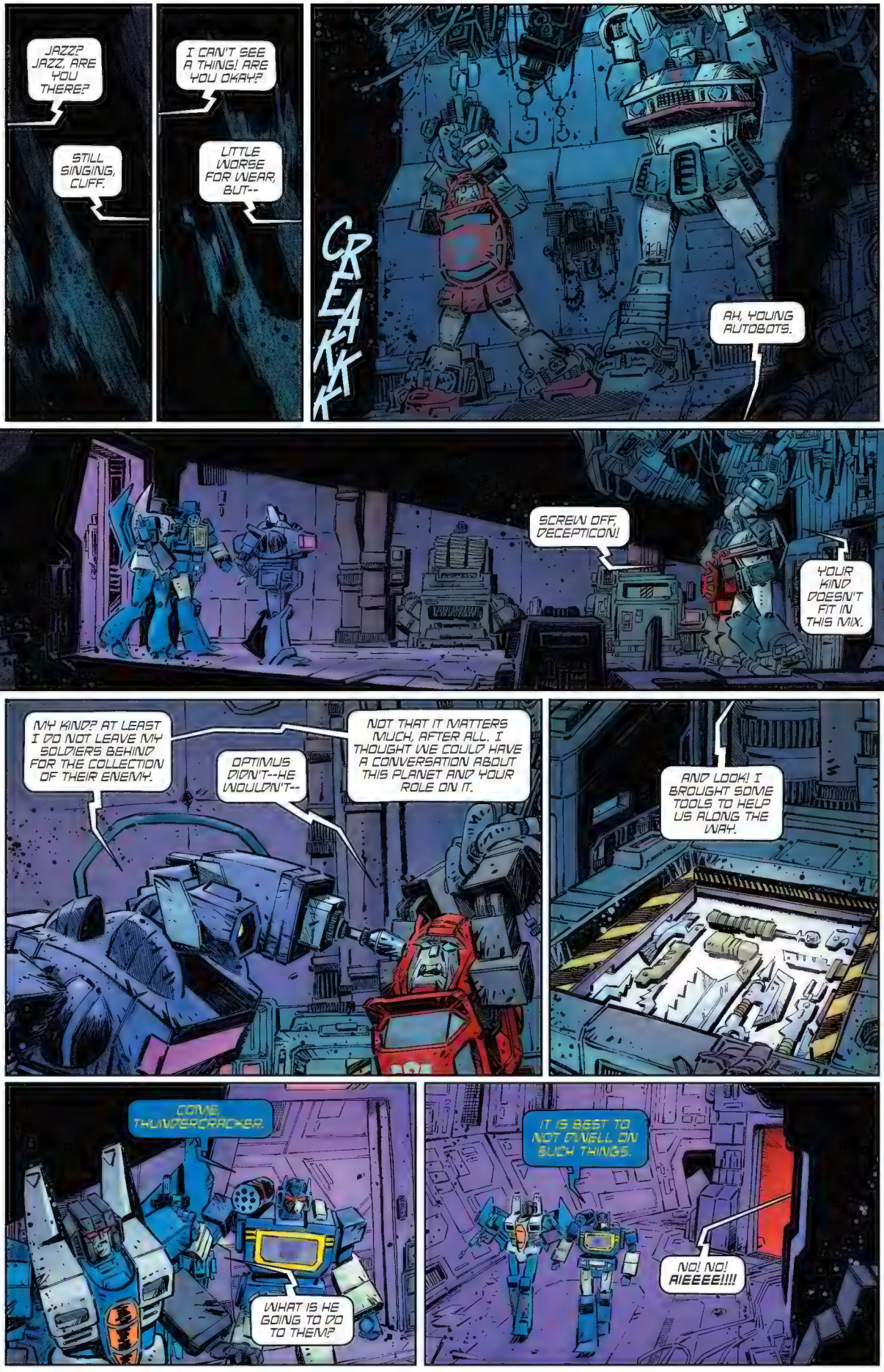
SOUNDWAVE, FOLLOW ME!

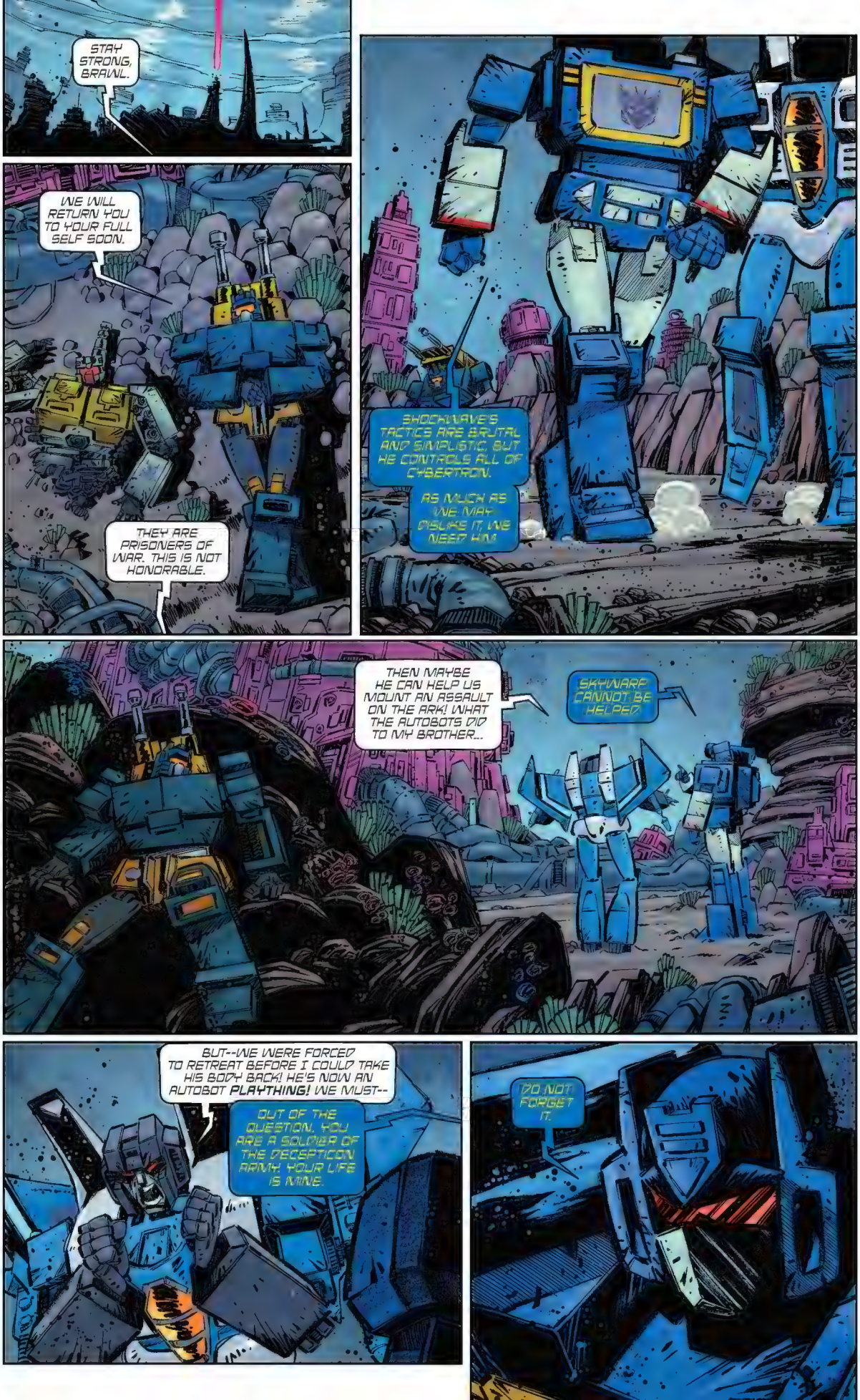
UNBELIEVABLE!
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING SO MAJESTIC?
THIS PLANET HAS MANY ORGANIC WONDERS. THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO SEE EVERY DAY.
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL TO KNOW THIS BEAUTY WILL AID SUCH A WONDERFUL CAUSE?
COMMANDER SHOCKWAVE!

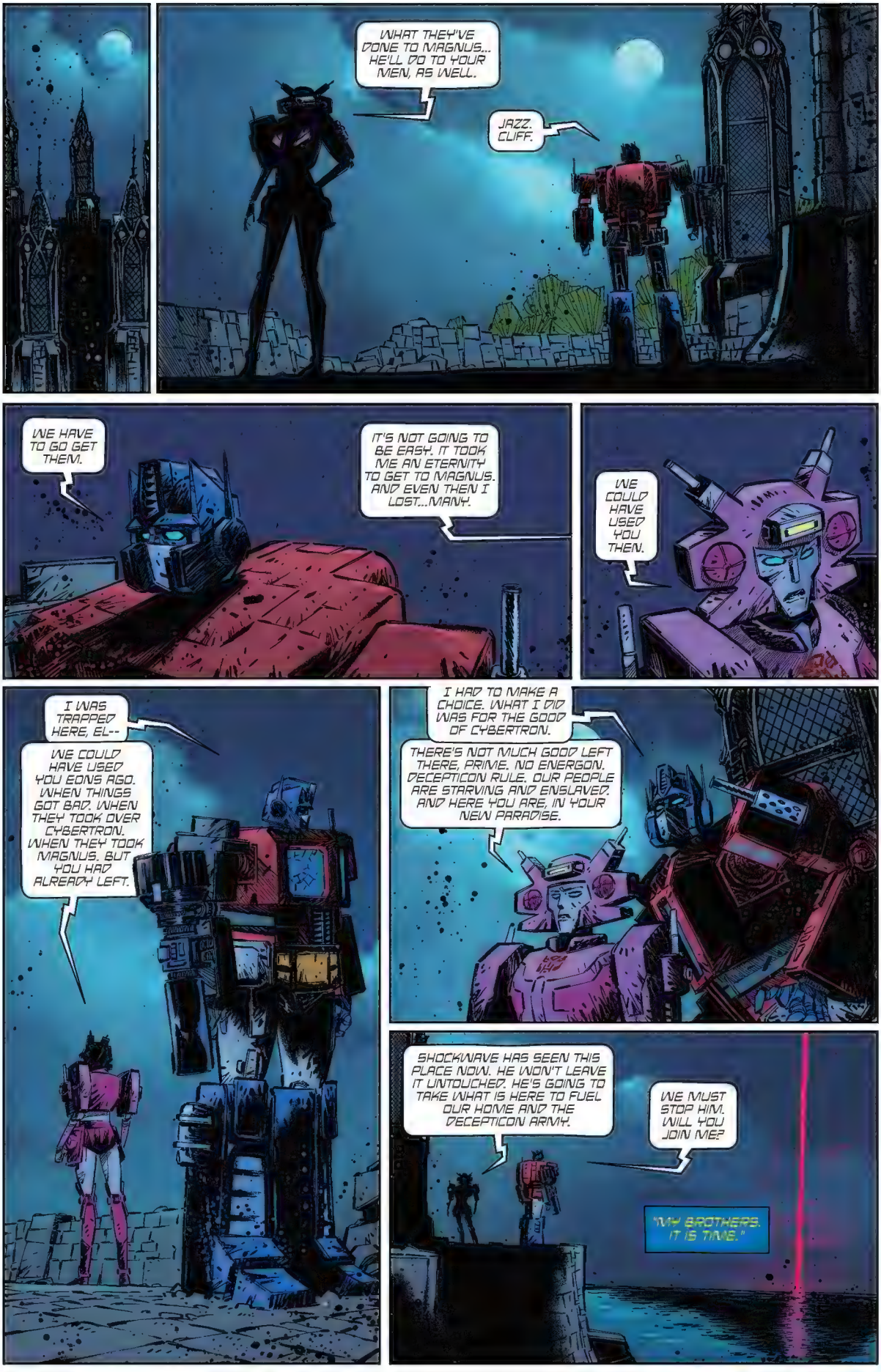
THE FEEDER IS PREPPED AND READY!
VERY GOOD.
VRM
VRM
VRM
VRM
YES!
SKKKKK
YES! YESSSS!

WE'RE IN BUSINESS!
WHEELJACK, YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE.
WOW.
IT'D BE MORE IMPRESSIVE IF I DIDN'T TRY SO DAMN HARD.
WHEELJACK...
HELP US.
BY THE SPARK! OPTIMUS! AND--
ELITA ONE??
LONG TIME NO SEE, ARCEE.
WHO IS THIS? IS HE ONE OF OURS--?
...IT CAN'T BE.


ULTRA MAGNUS.
ARCEE...I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME LIKE THIS--
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MAGNUS. I'M SURE RATCHET WILL FIX YOU UP IN...
PRIME? WHAT IS IT?
I'M SORRY, MY FRIEND. RATCHET, HE--
NO...
WHEELJACK--
PLEASE DON'T TOUCH ME. I--
I JUST NEED A MOMENT.


JAZZ? JAZZ, ARE YOU THERE?
STILL SINGING, CLIFF.
I CAN'T SEE A THING! ARE YOU OKAY?
LITTLE WORSE FOR WEAR, BUT--
CREAKK
AH, YOUNG AUTOBOTS.
SCREW OFF, DECEPTICON!
YOUR KIND DOESN'T FIT IN THIS MIX.
MY KIND? AT LEAST I DO NOT LEAVE MY SOLDIERS BEHIND FOR THE COLLECTION OF THEIR ENEMY.
OPTIMUS DIDN'T--HE WOULDN'T--
NOT THAT IT MATTERS MUCH, AFTER ALL. I THOUGHT WE COULD HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS PLANET AND YOUR ROLE ON IT.
AND LOOK! I BROUGHT SOME TOOLS TO HELP US ALONG THE WAY.
COME, THUNDERCRACKER.
WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO TO THEM?
IT IS BEST TO NOT DWELL ON SUCH THINGS.
NO! NO! AIEEEE!!!!


STAY STRONG, BRAWL.
WE WILL RETURN YOU TO YOUR FULL SELF SOON.
THEY ARE PRISONERS OF WAR. THIS IS NOT HONORABLE.
SHOCKWAVE'S TACTICS ARE BRUTAL AND SIMPLISTIC, BUT HE CONTROLS ALL OF CYBERTRON.
AS MUCH AS WE MAY DISLIKE IT, WE NEED HIM.
THEN MAYBE HE CAN HELP US MOUNT AN ASSAULT ON THE ARK! WHAT THE AUTOBOTS DID TO MY BROTHER...
SKYWARP CANNOT BE HELPED.
BUT--WE WERE FORCED TO RETREAT BEFORE I COULD TAKE HIS BODY BACK! HE'S NOW AN AUTOBOT **PLAYTHING!** WE MUST--
OUT OF THE QUESTION. YOU ARE A SOLDIER OF THE DECEPTICON ARMY. YOUR LIFE IS MINE.
DO NOT FORGET IT.


WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO MAGNUS... HE'LL DO TO YOUR MEN, AS WELL.
JAZZ. CLIFF.
WE HAVE TO GO GET THEM.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. IT TOOK ME AN ETERNITY TO GET TO MAGNUS. AND EVEN THEN I LOST...MANY.
WE COULD HAVE USED YOU THEN.
I WAS TRAPPED HERE, EL--
WE COULD HAVE USED YOU EONS AGO. WHEN THINGS GOT BAD. WHEN THEY TOOK OVER CYBERTRON. WHEN THEY TOOK MAGNUS. BUT YOU HAD ALREADY LEFT.
I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE. WHAT I DID WAS FOR THE GOOD OF CYBERTRON.
THERE'S NOT MUCH GOOD LEFT THERE, PRIME. NO ENERGON. DECEPTICON RULE. OUR PEOPLE ARE STARVING AND ENSLAVED. AND HERE YOU ARE, IN YOUR NEW PARADISE.
SHOCKWAVE HAS SEEN THIS PLACE NOW. HE WON'T LEAVE IT UNTOUCHED. HE'S GOING TO TAKE WHAT IS HERE TO FUEL OUR HOME AND THE DECEPTICON ARMY.
WE MUST STOP HIM. WILL YOU JOIN ME?
"MY BROTHERS. IT IS TIME."

HAVEN'T WE...ALREADY STARTED?
HA! GATHERING ALL THIS PLANET HAS TO OFFER WITH SUCH SMALL TECH AS THIS WOULD TAKE A CENTURY!
NO. OUR WORLD IS ON THE EDGE OF DEVASTATION. WE MUST MOVE FASTER.
BP BP BP
FWOOOSHHH
BREEEE
SKAKKKKKK
KEEEEEE!

WAAAAAA
MUCH FASTER.
KRAKAHAZZZZ
OUR PLANET WRITHES WITH THIRST.
SHWOOMMMZZZ

"WHY NOT BRING OUR HOME TO THE SOURCE?"

BWAHAHA

YES! THE HOUR OF OUR VICTORY HAS COME!!!
BEACHCOMBER?
CYBERTRON.
LET THE HARVEST BEGIN.
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Welcome back for another thrilling episode of "The Matrix of Lettership" with your co-host, Ben, and the Eisner-nominated Daniel Warren Johnson!

Eisner nominated for not one, not two categories for my work on Transformers! What can I say but "suck it" and an honest, but cute as a puppy reminder of how many people have helped bring this book to life. Mike Spicer and Ted Brandt Cahn is also nominated for an Eisner!! are a big reason why this book is so successful, and I wanted to take a moment and thank them, along with the entire Skybound team, who works so hard to make this comic so special every damn month. Let's get to em!

Welcome, Cyclone! There's a long history in the comic lives of the Transformers. I'm glad you've come on board here and I'm looking you get to experience as many cool stories for the first time! I don't believe any spinoffs will happen during my run. Sorry!

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I'm sharing it

Marcy, thanks so much for sharing your Transformers mom moments with us. There have been many things that my own parents have passed down to me that have changed my life (Star Wars!) so it's fun to know that yours passed down Transformers, which my parents didn't give a SHIT about. Take care of yourself

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Thanks so much for recognizing myself in the anger towards, and for recognizing the struggle! By no means do I try to put my personal feelings into it, but we all have things we go through that influence how we feel about the world, and it's an interesting journey that intertwining is very human and one note without that individual human perspective. It's helping that TRANSFORMERS is a little like a cosmic living soap opera, and pegging what the fiction does to the world around them. I'm loving my take on myself on the mirror shard, and what horror may be to find when she confronts Primus at last. Maybe that is underwriting to say out loud. We will.

Thanks for reading everyone and keep the letters rolling in!
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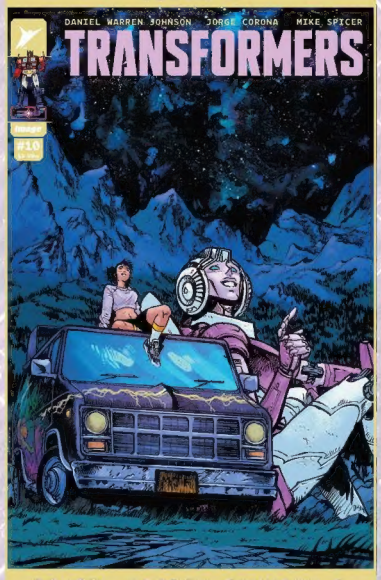

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